



Dear Prospective Sponsor/Donor,

I am writing with the hope that you would consider financial sponsorship or a donation of funds for a trip to Torino Italy, for the 2006 Winter Paralympics. We are currently planning our trip. The goal is to film the event and produce a documentary about the Paralympics, and to help increase media coverage for the athletes that compete in the games, and for the disability community as a whole. Disabled sports are not currently receiving the proper coverage from mainstream media outlets.

Duncan Wyeth, the Executive Director of the Michigan Commission on Disability Concerns, is encouraging our efforts and will also travel to Italy.

Please see attached Press Release.

This trip can only take place once we have secured the necessary funds for travel and filming expenses. The following is a breakdown of the estimated costs for two adults traveling to Torino Italy, for 11 days:

Dates: 3/09/06 – 3/20/06

Flight Estimate: Range from \$940-\$4,400

Average: \$2,200

Hotel Estimate: Range from \$150-\$350 /night

Average: \$225 /night

Film Supplies: Estimated \$1,500      Roughly 200 hours of film

Camera: Range from \$2,500-\$8,500

Average: \$4,200

Equipment Insurance: \$450

Estimated Total: \$10,600

Our intention is to fundraise and secure financial sponsors in order to obtain our estimated total of \$10,600. Any excess funding will be used for editing costs related to the documentary. Funding in excess of editing costs will be used for programs for the disabled sports community.

Your sponsorship or contribution is greatly appreciated. Please make your checks payable to: **Athletes with Disabilities Hall of Fame**, or **State of Grace Productions**.

Send To: Torino Trip, 3212 Pardee, Dearborn, Michigan, 48124

Thank you very much,

*Meghann Mealbach*

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President

State of Grace Productions

## Corporate Sponsorship Opportunities: Torino Paralympics

The following are corporate sponsorship levels to help support **State of Grace Productions** film and media awareness project for the Paralympics. The goal is to film the event and produce a documentary about the Paralympics, and increase media coverage for the athletes that compete, and for the disability community as a whole.

### Champion Sponsor:

**\$10,000**

Sponsorship at this level would include:

- A. **Corporate Champion**
- B. **Equipment Champion** (Will Value Equipment Donation as Champion Sponsor Level / Minimum \$5,000 Value)
- C. **Travel Champion** (Will Value Travel Donation as Champion Sponsor Level / Minimum 4 Travel Packages)

Wearing of **sponsors logos on clothing** to appear in promotional interviews etc.

**Promotional Credit (Full Screen) in the documentary** that is produced.

Logo on website along with a link to your website.

Logos on promotional literature

Mention in written press interviews and television interviews

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### Gold Sponsor:

**\$7,500**

Sponsorship at this level would include:

Logo on website along with a link to your website.

Logos on promotional literature

Mention in written press interviews and television interviews

**Promotional Credit (Full Screen) in the documentary** that is produced.

### Silver Sponsor:

**\$5,000**

Sponsorship at this level would include:

Logo on website along with a link to your website.

Logos on promotional literature

**Promotional Credit in the documentary** that is produced.

Mention in written press interviews and television interviews

### Bronze Sponsor:

**\$2,500**

Sponsorship at this level would include:

Logo on website along with a link to your website.

Logos on promotional literature

Half Screen Promotional Credit in Documentary

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### HERO Sponsor:

**\$1,000**

Sponsorship at this level would include:

Logo on website along with a link to your website.

Logos on promotional literature

Extra Promotional Consideration in HERO Projects: Helping Everyone Realize Opportunities

**\*Additional Consideration Requests Will Be Considered For Any Level Of Sponsorship  
Based On Request From Sponsor**

Other items such as **Camera Equipment, Film Supplies, Travel Arrangements, Hotel Costs** etc.

Any type of donation will be greatly appreciated.

Please make checks payable to:

**Athletes with Disabilities Hall of Fame**

or **State of Grace Productions**

If you are sponsoring one of the Veterans Projects make check payable to:

**Paralyzed Veterans of America**

## Sponsorship Form

Thank You for your choice to contribute to **Athletes with Disabilities Hall of Fame**. in its efforts to create awareness for the Disability Community and its athletes. Thank you for the ability to show the spirit of the athletes and the inspiration that their stories bring to many people across the world. With your help and the work of **State of Grace Productions Inc.**, the people that deserve to be seen and heard will have the opportunity to do so.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

*Meghann Mealbach*

Meghann Mealbach  
State of Grace Productions Inc.  
Dearborn, MI 48124  
313.563.4084 email: stateofgracefilm@aol.com

Name of Organization:

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Organization Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsorship Level: \_\_\_\_\_

Donation/Sponsorship  
Amount: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_  
State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Write Donation / Sponsorship Checks to:  
**Athletes with Disabilities Hall of Fame or State of Grace Productions**

For Veterans Projects Write Sponsorship Checks to:  
**Paralyzed Veterans of America**

Send all Sponsorship/Donation Checks To:  
**State of Grace Productions**  
3212 Pardee, Dearborn, Michigan 48124

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October 18, 2005

Contact: Bill or Meghann Mealbach  
313-563-4084

## **State of Grace Productions Announces 2006 Paralympics Film Project** *Michigan-based filmmaker plans trip to Torino, Italy, to film the 2006 Winter Paralympic Games*

Dearborn, Michigan: State of Grace Productions has begun efforts to raise funds in order to travel to Torino, Italy, to film the Paralympic Winter Games in March of 2006. Meghann Mealbach, a 19-year old filmmaker with cerebral palsy, completed her first film project last May about disability activist, Tony Filippis, Sr., and is now focusing her efforts on increasing the amount of media attention given to athletes with disabilities.

Inspired by Filippis' accomplishments throughout more than 70 years of serving the disability community, Mealbach now wants to become an activist for all people with disabilities by using her filmmaking skills. Filippis, a double below-the-knee amputee as the result of a childhood train accident, recently celebrated his 90th birthday. He is the co-founder of Wright & Filippis, founder of the Athletes with Disabilities Hall of Fame, the recipient of countless awards, and was appointed by Michigan Governor, Jennifer Granholm, to the Michigan Commission on Disability Concerns. Mealbach considers Filippis a friend and mentor.

"Tony taught me that you can accept obstacles, or you can create opportunities. I choose opportunities."

Mealbach is supported by another friend and mentor, Duncan Wyeth. Wyeth, who also has cerebral palsy, is the Executive Director of the Michigan Commission on Disability Concerns, and has been a consumer advocate for disability issues for over 30 years, serving in a wide range of professional and volunteer roles in both the State of Michigan and nationally. He has served on the Board of Directors of the United States Olympic Committee, the National Association of Protection and Advocacy Services (NAPAS), the American Association of People with Disabilities, and United Cerebral Palsy Associations. He co-founded the Coalition on Sexuality and Disability and was Chair of the Michigan Commission on Handicapper Concerns. Inducted into the Michigan Athletes with Disabilities Hall of Fame in 2001, he is a tireless proponent of athletics and people with disabilities. In 1995, he co-authored a chapter on cerebral palsy for *Sports and Exercise for Children with Chronic Health Conditions*.

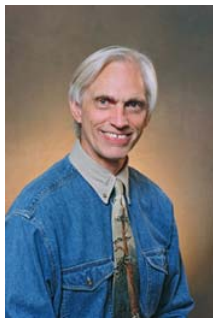
Wyeth states, "The Torino Games will provide an excellent opportunity for us to network with the International Paralympic Committee leadership and athletes to further our mission of bringing public and media recognition to the Disabled Sports Movement here in the USA."

Mealbach is seeking financial sponsorships and will fundraise to offset equipment and travel expenses. To help support her cause, or for more information, please contact Bill or Meghann Mealbach at 313-563-4084, or Christine Allen at 313-277-2246.



# **On A Mission:**

To Raise Awareness of the Paralympics, and Athletes with Disabilities



## **Duncan Wyeth:**

The Executive Director of the Michigan Commission on Disability Concerns, and a consumer advocate for disability issues for over 30 years. Duncan Wyeth has been invited to attend the Winter Paralympics in Torino Italy March of 2006 by members of the IPC (International Paralympics Committee). The Torino games will provide an excellent opportunity to network with the IPC leadership and athletes to further **our mission of bringing public and media recognition to the Disabled Sports Movement here in the USA.** He will be working with a US based filmed effort conducted by Meghann Mealbach, president of State of Grace Productions to help improve upon the dismal US history of film coverage and recognition of the world's Paralympics athletes. The Michigan based Athletes with Disabilities Hall of Fame of which Duncan is an inductee, is positioned to move to a national status thus helping raise the level of recognition for athletes with disabilities.

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## **State of Grace Productions:**

Young filmmaker Meghann Mealbach, President of State of Grace Productions has been invited to accompany Duncan Wyeth to the Winter Paralympics in Torino Italy March of 2006. Her film production company will produce multiple projects, and film the events in order to promote the Paralympics. The effort is to show the spirit and will of these athletes who not only compete against the usual obstacles, but they have to battle themselves and their attitudes toward overcoming. These are truly inspirational people that are worthy of public appreciation. We hope that our efforts will bring attention from media in the United States to these athletes and all people with disabilities around the world. We are trying to represent over 600 million people globally, over 54 million in the United States, and over 1.5 million people in the state of Michigan that experience disabilities.

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## **We Need Your Help**

**Please Help send this crew On A Mission That Will Impact The Disability World.**

**For Donation or Sponsorship Please Make Check Payable to:**

**Athletes with Disabilities Hall of Fame or State of Grace Productions**

To Help support this cause or for more information please contact  
Meghann or Bill Mealbach at 313.563.4084, or Christine Allen at 313.277.2246

Additional Information Available At: [www.detroitfan.com](http://www.detroitfan.com)